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Applicant : Masury *et al.*

Group Art Unit No.: 3731

Application No : 10/686,302

Examiner: Victor X. NGUYEN

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 is filed in lieu of a Notice of Appeal in response to the **Final Official Action** mailed June 6, 2006, the period for response having been extended one month, from September 6, 2006, to October 6, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the instant amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.